

## Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border

18 August 2025

- I. Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia (MFA-IC) –
- Emphasized that "Cambodia wants peace, and we are trying all we can to end Cambodia-Thailand armed hostilities, and to restore peace. Cambodia has been and will continue to remain resolute in resolving boundary dispute with Thailand, through peaceful means in accordance with international law." And highlighted several points below:
    - (1) **On the monitoring mechanism of the Ceasefire:** Cambodia has and will continue to urge for support to ensure a full-fledged monitoring mechanism is up and running at the earliest, to ensure the respect and the effective implementation of the ceasefire.
    - Cambodia is grateful for the leadership of Malaysia and the support of all AMS for the operation of the Interim Observers Team (IOT). The Spokesperson emphasized that the ongoing developments at the border right now are of grave concern to the current fragile truce, highlighting that "to well-preserve the ceasefire, it is extremely important that the TOR for the operationalization of the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT) is adopted urgently.
    - (2) **On the Tea-Chat among the Foreign Ministers of China, Cambodia, and Thailand, August 14, 2025, Anning, Yunnan Province, China:**
      - Cambodia deeply appreciates China's key role in hosting the Tea-Chat Meeting in Anning, Yunnan Province of China, on August 14, 2025, on the sidelines of the Mekong-Lancang FMM, with the participation of the Foreign Ministers of Cambodia, China, and Thailand. The Spokesperson highlighted that Cambodia was encouraged by the positive spirit expressed during this Meeting.

- Both Cambodia and Thailand affirmed their commitment to strengthening engagement and communication, resuming normal exchanges at the earliest, rebuilding and enhancing mutual trust.
- During the Tea-Chat, Cambodia also reaffirmed its resolve to uphold the ceasefire reached on July 28, 2025, as well as the terms agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the GBC on August 7, 2025, and to do its best in building up conditions for returning to normalcy.

**(3) Concerning the ongoing encroachment activities conducted by Thai military personnel,** the Spokesperson expressed that it is seriously concerning. And Cambodia has sent its formal protest regarding the issues, and called on the Thai side to cease such activities.

**(4) On landmine allegations:**

- Cambodia reiterated its firm rejection of the allegation made by Thailand, and had already issued a statement to this effect, stressing that “the areas where mine explosions happened recently are known and officially recorded as minefields left from Cambodia’s civil war in the 1980s.”
- The Spokesperson stressed that humanitarian demining in Cambodia has been going on since 1992, following the order of priority of the areas to be cleared, considering the need for poverty alleviation and sustainable development.
- Additionally, the Spokesperson emphasized that Cambodia stands ready to immediately start mine-clearance work in the eliminated or demarcated and undisputed areas of the border; however, in the disputed border areas, it is crucial to effectively implement the ceasefire agreement, stop armed hostility to allow demarcation work to be conducted.
- In the meantime, Cambodia appreciates China’s continued contribution to humanitarian demining efforts. While Cambodia welcomes this support, it is of the view that “demining activities should primarily focus on priority areas to be jointly defined and determined by the Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) Cambodia-Thailand, as a meaningful step toward enhancing safety, stability, and sustainable development.”

## **II. Spokesperson of the Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia –**

- The Spokesperson highlighted that “there have been gradually positive developments through bilateral discussions between the two countries.” The notable developments since the Ceasefire agreement entered into force at midnight of July 28, 2025, can be viewed through a series of bilateral dialogues between both countries, for example, the extraordinary GBC meeting held on August 7, 2025, and the extraordinary RBC meeting on August 16, 2025.
- In addition, the Spokesperson also emphasized that “it is essential for both parties to continue fostering these positive shifts towards peace and stability, especially to restore normalcy in both countries' relations across all sectors, as well as for the benefit of both peoples.”
- **On the Situation at the Frontline:** Starting from midnight of August 18, 2025, up to 03:00 pm, the situation at the frontline, particularly at Military Region 4 and 5: Preah Vihear, Uddor Meanchey, and Banteay Meanchey provinces, remained calm and steady.
- The 18 Cambodian military personnel have been held in custody unlawfully by the Thai side for **20 days** now, since the morning of July 29, 2025, a few hours after the Ceasefire came into effect.

## **III. The Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)**

- **CMAA** held a press conference on August 18, 2025, led by Senior Minister and First Vice President of CMAA, H.E. Ly Thuch, reaffirming Cambodia’s firm commitment as a responsible signatory state of the Ottawa Convention, and has firmly denied Thailand’s allegations concerning the use of new landmines or stockpiles that allegedly caused casualties among Thai military personnel.
- H.E. Ly Thuch also expressed that the Country was immensely impacted by the legacy of landmines, and categorically rejects these allegations from Thailand.